



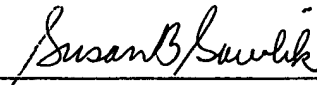
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Masferrer, J.L.
Serial No.: 10/692,643
Filed: October 24, 2003
Title: ANTIANGIOGENIC COMBINATION THERAPY FOR THE
TREATMENT OF CANCER
Group Art Unit: 1614
Examiner: R. Cook
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Client Ref.: 3167/12A/US

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 7, 2004

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated December 7, 2004 in the above-referenced application, and is submitted within the 1 month shortened statutory period set for reply, accordingly no fee for extension of time is believed payable.

Claims 1-23 are pending in the application. By the present Office Action, Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. §121 to restrict the claims to Group I or Group II as defined in the Action, and to elect a single disclosed species of COX-2 inhibitor for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

In this regard, Applicant respectfully draws the Examiner's attention to the previous Office Action dated October 4, 2004 and to Applicant's response dated November 4, 2004, in

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which a species of COX-2 inhibitor, namely celecoxib, was elected without traverse. Applicant hereby confirms this election.

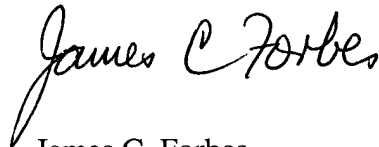
With regard to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects without traverse the method defined in Claims 1-9 and the composition and kit of Claims 11-23, to be examined along with the elected method.

Of the elected claims, the following read on the elected species wherein the COX-2 inhibitor is celecoxib: Claims 1-4, 8, 9, 11-13, 17-19 and 23.

Should any questions remain in relation to the present Office Action, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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